ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The report in the Economic Times of February 1, 1987 relates to the passing reference made by the Prime Minister cautioning against bureaucratization in our scientific development.

(b) No Sir. The Government do no have any such proposals at present. There is an office of Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister and also there is a Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Besides this, adequate grievance redressal machinery also exists in the Government organisations.

(c) and (d) It is not correct to say that the concerned scientist of Agricultural Research Service was removed from service on the basis of a forged letter. The officer was removed after following the specified disciplinary procedure.

Cases under the Central Vigilance Commission

1934. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases which have been referred to the Cenral Vigilance Commission during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number out of those which have been successfully investigated by the Commission, year-wise; and

(c) what is the number of cases, out of those mentioned in part (a) above which are presently pending before the Commission for disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The number of cases referred to the Central Vigilance Commission during the last three years, year-wise, are:—

1984	....	2,600
1985	....	2,956
1986	....	3.146

(b) The Central Vigilance Commission does not have an Investigating Agency of its own. However, whenever the Commission considers necessary, it gets the investigation done through the Chief Vigilance Officers of the concerned Departments/ Public Sector Undertakings or the Central Bueau of Investigation.

(c) At the close of the year 1986, 536 cases were with the Commission for its consideration/advice.

Import of coins

1985. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pieces of coins of different denominations which were imported during the last three years, year-wise and the total cost in foreign exchange;

(b) whether any order is presently pending for the import of coins, if so, the details thereof and the total cost involved;

(c) what is the present position regarding the establishment of a modern mint at Noida (Ghaziabad); and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up any Mint in the South and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) So far, orders have been placed for import of 2000 million pieces of cupronickel coins in each of the two years, 1985-86 and 1986-87, consisting of 2000 million pieces of Re. 1 coins, 1500 million pieces of 50 paise coins

and 500 million pieces of 25 paise coins involving a foreign exchange outgo of Rs. 137 crores.

(b) The details of the quantity actually received so far against these import orders are as under:

(in million piece)

Denomination	1985-86	1986-87 (up to 28-2-1987
Re. 1 00 . .	704	1056
50 Paise . . .	541	817
25 Paise . . .	158	333
TOTAL .	1403	2206

The balance is expected to be received by end of June 1987. A further order for import of 1250 million pieces of stainless steel coins consisting of 500 million pieces of 50 paise coins, 400 million piece of 25 paise coins, and 550 million pieces of 10 paise coins has been placed at a cost of Rupee 16.62 crores. Delivery is expected to commence by December 1987.

(c) Civil construction work has been started. Action for procurement of machinery has been initiated. The Mint is expected to start production during 1988-89.

(d) No, Sir.

Loan melas held in Madurai

1936. SHRI ALADI ARUNA ALIAS V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that there was a protest in the loan melas held in Madurai in the second week of February 1987 against the discriminatory attitude of banks in sanctioning of loans; ond

(b) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to curb the propensity of the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Canara Bank which has the lead responsibility for District Madurai has reported that they have not come across any instances of protest in the loan mela held at Madurai on 6-2-1987 against the reported discriminatory attitude of Banks in sanctioning loans. However, some leaders are reported to have abstained from attending loan mela as some applications reported to have been given by them could not be disposed off before the loan function.

(b) Government have advised Reserve Bank of India to issue suitable guidelines to Banks with a view to ensure more systematic organisation of credit camps.

Income Tax arrears in the country

1937. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Income Tax arrears in the country; and

(b) the names of persons/organisations who owe Income Tax amounting to more than Rs. 50 lakhs to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As per the latest information the Income-tax arrears (including Corporation-tax) outstanding as on 30-6-1986 were Rs. 2591.22 crores. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 837.94 crores has not fallen due for payment.

(b) Quarterly information regarding persons, organizations, etc. against whom income-tax demand exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs remained outstanding is gathered from the field formations. Based on this information, the names of the persons organisations etc. against whom income-tax demand exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs was outstanding